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In re Applicant: § Confirmation No.: 4718
§
§ Jon D. Cameron
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§ Filed: December 6, 1997 § Art Unit: 2876
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§ Serial No.: 08/986,287 § Examiner: St. Cyr, D.
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For: THERMOCHROMIC BAR § Docket No.: JCMN-27,738US
CODE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.182

Office of Petitions
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This application names Tobin Gaedke and Jon Cameron as co-inventors. A continuation application Serial No. 09/453,545 from this application has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,685,094 B2 which names Jon Cameron as a sole inventor. A lawsuit is pending where Tobin Gaedke is asserting his co-inventorship rights as respects U.S. Patent No. 6,685,094 B2; Robert Sek and Tobin Gaedke v. Jon Cameron and Pop! Technology LLC, Case No. 304-CV-753-B (United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division).

This application is under an Office Action rejection mailed May 24, 2004. By letter dated November 19, 2004, from Mark W. Handley, attorney of record in this application, Tobin Gaedke was advised that this application would be abandoned effective November 24, 2004, for failure to respond to the May 24, 2004 Office Action (Exhibit A). By letter of November 23, 2004 by Edward Fernandes to Mark Handley, Handley was advised that Tobin Gaedke did not

want this application to be abandoned and therefore Handley was asked to file a three-month

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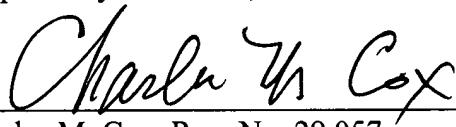
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extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination on or before November 24, 2004 (Exhibit B). Handley has refused to do so saying he has instructions from Jon Cameron to not do so.

Accordingly, Tobin Gaedke asks that his power of attorney to Charles M. Cox, Registration No. 29,057, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, 1111 Louisiana, 44th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002-5200, be accepted and the accompanying Petition and Fee for Extension of Time and Request for Continued Examination be entered in this application effective November 24, 2004 to maintain this application in a pending state.

Copies of the Petition for Extension of Time and Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



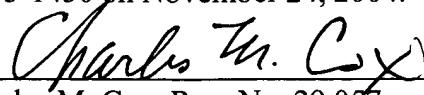
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Date: November 24, 2004

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RE: Patent Application for a Thermochromic Bar Code
Application Serial No. 08/986,287, filed December 06, 1997
Our File No. JCMN-27,738US

Dear Mr. Fernandes:

This letter is to provide notice to you, and through you to your clients, Mr. Tobin Gaedke and his Assignee's, that we are not responding to an outstanding Office Action for the above-identified application. The Office Action was mailed May 24, 2004, and a response is due by November 24, 2004 with a three month extension of time.

If a response is not timely filed by November 24, 2004, the application will be abandoned.

Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CHAUZA & HANDLEY, L.L.P.

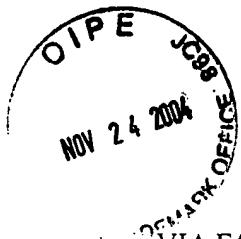
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Mark W. Handley

cc: Mr. Jon Cameron
Jennifer A. Lloyd, Esq.
Geoffrey R. Unger, Esq.

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Re: Patent Application for a Thermochromic Bar Code; Application Serial No. 08/986,287, filed December 6, 1997

Dear Mr. Handley:

I am in receipt of your November 19, 2004 letter regarding your decision to not respond to an outstanding Office Action for the above-identified patent application (the "287 Application").

My clients, Tobin Gaedke and Robert Sek, each claim an interest in the 287 Application and do not wish to abandon the application. However, due to your late notice of your intention to abandon the application, my clients are unable to file a response to the Office Action by November 24, 2004 to prevent abandonment of the application.

Therefore, please file a request for three-month extension of time and request for continued examination, together with the applicable fees, by tomorrow to prevent abandonment of the 287 Application. My clients will reimburse you for your fees and expenses.

If you have questions, please call me to discuss.

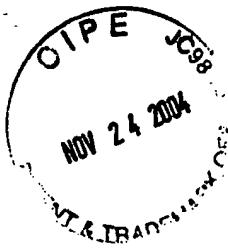
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward F. Fernandes".

Edward F. Fernandes

c: By Facsimile, Email and
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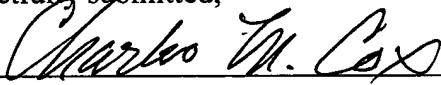
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COMMUNICATION

Concurrent with the filing of the Extension of Time and fee therefore, and the Request for Continued Prosecution, a Petition Under 35 C.F.R. 1.182 asking for a decision that a Power of Attorney by Tobin Gaedke to Charles M. Cox, Registration No. 29,057, be accepted to make the Request for Extension and Request for Continued Examination timely filed effective November 24, 2004. A copy of the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 24, 2004



Charles M. Cox, Reg. No. 29,057

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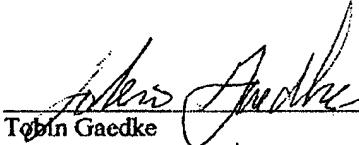
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JON D. CAMERON TOBIN GAEDKE	§
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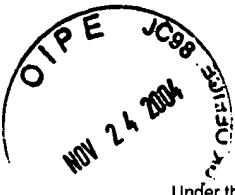
POWER OF ATTORNEY BY INVENTOR

As a named inventor, I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney and appoint the following to conduct the prosecution of this application/maintenance of the patent and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Charles M. Cox, Reg. No. 29,057

Please direct all communications to: AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD, LLP, 1111 Louisiana Street, 44th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002, (713) 220-5800, FAX: (713) 236-0822, to the attention of: Charles M. Cox.


Tobin Gaedke
Date: 24 November 2004



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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	08/986,287
Filing Date	12/06/1997
First Named Inventor	Jon d. Cameron
Art Unit	2876
Examiner Name	Daniel St. Cyr
Attorney Docket Number	680471.0001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a

period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
a. Deposit Account No. 16-2435. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature		Date	November 24, 2004
Name (Print/Type)	Charles M. Cox	Registration No.	29,057

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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For: THERMOCHROMIC BAR CODE	§	Docket No.: 680471.0001

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The fee of \$490.00 for obtaining a three-month extension of time to November 24, 2004, for the above-captioned patent application is attached hereto.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2435. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Cox, Reg. No. 29,057
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

Patent fees are subject to annual revision

		Complete if Known			
		<i>Application Number</i>	08/986,287		
		<i>Filing Date</i>	December 6, 1997		
		<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Jon D. Cameron		
		<i>Examiner Name</i>	Daniel St. Cyr		
		<i>Group / Art Unit</i>	2876		
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)					
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For Reissues, see below					
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\$ 88	\$ 44	Independent claims in excess of 3			
\$ 300	\$ 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
\$ 88	\$ 44	**Reissue independent claims over original patent			
\$ 18	\$ 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
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FEES CALCULATION (continued)					
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Submitted by

Charles M. Cox
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